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For: **SURFACE LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE AND LIGHT GUIDE USED THEREFOR**

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A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English.

a. JP 7-270624 A The relevance of this document is shown in the attached English-language abstract and can be understood from the discussion at page 2 of the specification of the present application.

b. JP 7-27137 B2 The relevance of this document is shown in the attached English-language abstract and can be understood from the discussion at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

c. JP 9-160035 A The relevance of this document is shown in the attached English-language abstract and can be understood from the discussion at page 4 of the specification of the present application.

d. JP 5-6401 U The relevance of this document is shown in the attached English-language abstract and can be understood from the discussion at page 4 of the specification of the present application.

e. JP 8-179322 A The relevance of this document is shown in the attached English-language abstract and can be understood from the discussion at page 4 of the specification of the present application.

Also enclosed is a search report from the Japanese Patent Office from the PCT application from which this National Phase U.S. Application is derived, citing the remaining documents, setting forth the relevance thereof.

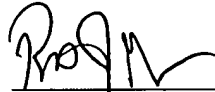
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